

this life, and because I know it to be reliable in its promises for the life to come. I love it because of what it has done, and for what it is still doing for the world. Jesus is the hope of earth. All the inherent good this old world possesses is utterly insufficient to redeem it. O, the blood, the blood of Jesus is the only plea earth has to offer for its sin. How forcibly we should endorse the poetic sentiment.

"My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

"Our own righteousness is but as filthy rags." O, let the blood be indeed *all* our plea. Let ministers cry, the blood, the blood, the blood. And let men forget all about self merit. We are open for some more half or fourth time work. Half time preferred.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Roann, Ind.

Campbell, Mich.

Sunday Dec. 11, closed my year's work with this church. Regular services were held every four weeks. During the year one revival was held. There was one accession by baptism during the year. Must say my work was pleasant though hard labor was required. The church decided to retain me as pastor at an increase of salary which is surely gratifying, as it shows the desire of a church much better than a mere formal call. Can also state to the credit of this church, that the pastor's salary was promptly paid as service was rendered. Spiritually, much improvement is also noticeable. My prayer for this church is, that the Christ-life and spirit may abide with them and in them more fully.

*Corinth, Ind.*—Began work in this church in October. Intend to hold a series of meetings soon. Hope as personal acquaintance broadens spiritual life may deepen, and thus our relation as pastor and people be for the mutual good of all, and to the glory of God.

WM. H. MILLER.

Brighton, Ind.

## Matrimonial

STROHM—ARTZ.—At my residence Nov. 20, Mr. Clayton Strohm and Miss Clara M. Artz were joined in holy wedlock. May their pathway be peaceful in this life, and their destination heaven.

L. A. HAZLETT.

YEAGER—CLOSSON.—At the residence of the bride on the evening of Nov. 30, 1898, Mr. G. F. Yeager and Miss Lillian B. Closson. Both of Philadelphia, Pa.

E. E. ROBERTS.

SHAKLEY—BYERS.—At Pleasant Home, Ohio, by the writer, Mr. Wm. H. Shakley and Miss Carrie Byers were united in marriage on December 13, 1898.

WM. KIEFER

ABSHIRE—SHELMADINE.—At the home of brother John Lowman in Roann,

Ind., on Dec. 13, 1898, Mr. Francis E. Abshire and Miss Viola Shelmadine, both of Roann, Ind., were united by the writer in the holy bonds of matrimony. With these estimable young people go the best wishes of their many friends here and elsewhere. May God's blessings be scattered upon them in life's pathway, as they may have need.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Roann, Ind.

## Our Dead

STERMER.—Samuel Stermer was born in York county, Pa., Nov. 22, 1851, died at Middle Branch, Stark county, O., Oct. 16, 1898, aged 46 years, 11 months and 6 days. He united with the Brethren church, Nov. 7, 1890, was a consistent member of the same, passing over the river in hope of eternal life. Leaves a wife and two children with many friends to mourn their loss. Funeral by the undersigned.

ISAAC ROSS.

THOMAS—Wm. I. Thomas was born near New Virginia, Iowa, July 19, 1866, died at his parents at the same place, Nov. 28, 1898, he being 32 years, 4 months and 9 days old at his death. He joined the Brethren church in June 1889. He lived a consistent Christian life. None knew him only to love and respect him. He suffered much in the last month of his sickness, but he bore it with Christian fortitude. He said, Oh, if only the worst was over. He did not fear death, but longed to have his suffering ended and expressed a desire to go and be with Jesus and his sister and brother. His funeral was conducted by the writer in the New Virginia Brethren church, to a large and sympathizing congregation of people. So we laid Willie away to await the glad summons.

FETTER HALL.

FRY AND CRIBBS.—Elsie Cribbs *nee* Fry was born Feb. 20, departed this life July 21, aged 20 years, 5 months and 1 day. Sister Millie Fry was born Dec. 25, 1879, departed this life Nov. 8, 1898, aged 18 years, 10 months and 14 days. Memorial sermon by the writer from John 5: 28, 29. Sister Millie was the last of the children of sister Matilda Fry. The three last died within the short period of four years. Disease, consumption. How frail our common mortality. May the Lord sustain the bereaved. Also buried an infant of a few days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Edwards. Text, Luke 18: 16.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.

HARROLD.—In the Burn's chapel congregation, Fulton Co., Ind., John Harrold, born in Butler Co., Pa., Sept. 25, 1820, died Nov. 30, 1898, aged 78 years, 2 months and 9 days. He was married to Nancy Doran, who departed this life some twenty six years

ago, since which time he has resided with brother Lewis. During this long period perfect peace prevailed between the two brothers and family. Not an unkind word was spoken between them. Brother John is gone. His place is vacant, but thanks be to a great Creator, we shall soon meet to clasp glad hands on the eternal shore. He was a member of the Brethren church and lived a conscientious Christian life and died fully trusting in Christ. During his sickness he expressed a great desire to live, but said I am ready to go if it is the Lord's will. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, yea saith the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." He leaves three brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss. A large concourse of people attended his funeral. Service conducted by

WM. M. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

The greatest man is he who chooses the right with the most invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptation from within and without, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully.—*Seneca*.

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